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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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More people will die worldwide this year of tuberculosis than any other year in history. For this reason, the World Health Organization has declared tuberculosis a global health emergency.

Tuberculosis is not limited to the developing world. It is estimated that over 3.4 Californians are infected with latent tuberculosis, and that the average person with latent tuberculosis has a ten percent lifetime risk of developing the active tuberculosis disease. Last year, 1,025 residents in Los Angeles County were diagnosed with active tuberculosis disease.

Throughout the month of March, a community coalition of agencies, individuals, and the Department of Health Services' Tuberculosis Control Program will provide educational programs and materials to targeted high-risk populations on how the tuberculosis disease is spread, treated and prevented.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, join the World Health Organization in proclaiming March 24, 2004, as World Tuberculosis Day and urge all residents, health organizations and community coalitions throughout the County to join in this effort to prevent and ultimately eliminate tuberculosis.

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